

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 5. This sheet, which includes Figs. 5 and 6, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 5 and 6. The replacement sheet is accompanied by an annotated sheet showing the changes made to the original drawing sheet.

Fig. 5 is amended to correct the numeric identifier for the light source to “68” in correspondence with the text at page 6, paragraph 84.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 10, 14, 15 and 20 are amended. Claims 5 and 19 are canceled. Claims 1-4, 6-18 and 20-24 are pending in the application.

The drawings stand objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR § 1.84(p)(4) due to the numeric identifier “18” being utilized to designate both the light source and the post in Fig. 5. A corrected drawing sheet is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(d). In the corrected drawing sheet the numeric identifier for the light source has been corrected to “68” in correspondence with the text at page 6, paragraph 84.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 CFR § 1.83(a) as failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. The Examiner indicates that the recited “utility supply control means” must be shown or canceled from the claims. Without admission as to the propriety of the Examiner’s objection, claim 5 is canceled.

Claims 1-9 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner indicates that the recited limitation “the downwardly facing major surface” in claim 1 and claim 19 lacks sufficient antecedent basis. Claim 1 is amended to recite “a downwardly facing major surface”. Claim 19 is canceled, the subject matter of which is incorporated into claim 10. Claim 10 recites “a downwardly facing major surface”. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the § 112, second paragraph, rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-4 and 6-9 and acceptance of the text of claim 10.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner’s indicated allowability of the subject matter of claims 1-9, 15-16 and 19.

Claims 10-14, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Stockli (U.S. Patent No. 6,223,479). The Examiner is reminded by direction to MPEP § 2131 that anticipation requires each and every element of a claim to be disclosed in a single prior art reference. Claims 10-14, 17 and 18 are allowable over Stockli for at least the reason that Stockli fails to disclose each and every limitation in any of those claims.

As amended, independent claim 10 recites at least one panel including means for supply of medical utilities selected from one or more of compressed air, suction, water and oxygen which are accessible by a user for the treatment of patients from a downwardly facing major surface of said at least one panel when in said erected condition. The amendment to claim 10 incorporates subject matter of claim 19 which is appropriately canceled. Claim 10 is allowable over Stockli for at least the reason that it now recites subject matter indicated by the Examiner to be allowable.

Claim 14 is amended to properly depend from independent claim 10. Claims 11-14, 17 and 18 are allowable over Stockli for at least the reason that they depend from allowable base claim 10.

Claim 15 is amended to place it in independent form including all the limitations of base claim 10. Accordingly, such is allowable for at least the reason that it recites allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner at page 7 of the present Action. Dependent claim 16 is allowable for at least the reason that it depends from allowable base claim 15 and recites subject matter indicated to be allowable by the Examiner.

Claims 20-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wenger (U.S. Patent No. 3,217,366). As amended, independent claim 20 recites a seat

structure pivotably mounted to said fixed structure proximate or at said floor to, in a first pivotal condition present a substantially horizontal support surface above the surface of said floor to allow a person within said enclosure to be sedentary thereon and in a second pivotal condition different to the first, present a substantially horizontal surface intermediate of said floor and the ground adjacent said vehicle to allow a person to be supported thereon wherein the seat structure has an absence of support from the ground external to the compartment in said second pivotal condition. The amendment to claim 20 is supported by the specification at, for example, Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 4 and the text at page 5, lines 26-29 and page 19, line 6 through page 20, line 26. Wenger discloses movable risers 34 that are supported by the ground. Wenger does not disclose the claim 20 recited seat structure having an absence of support from the ground external to the compartment in said second pivotable condition. Accordingly, claim 20 is not anticipated by Wenger and is allowable over this reference.

Dependent claims 21-24 are allowable over Wenger for at least the reason that they depend from allowable base claim 20.

Claim 6 is amended to properly depend from independent claim 1.

For the reasons discussed above, pending claims 1-4, 6-18 and 20-24 are allowable. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests formal allowance of such pending claims in the Examiner's next action.

Respectfully submitted,

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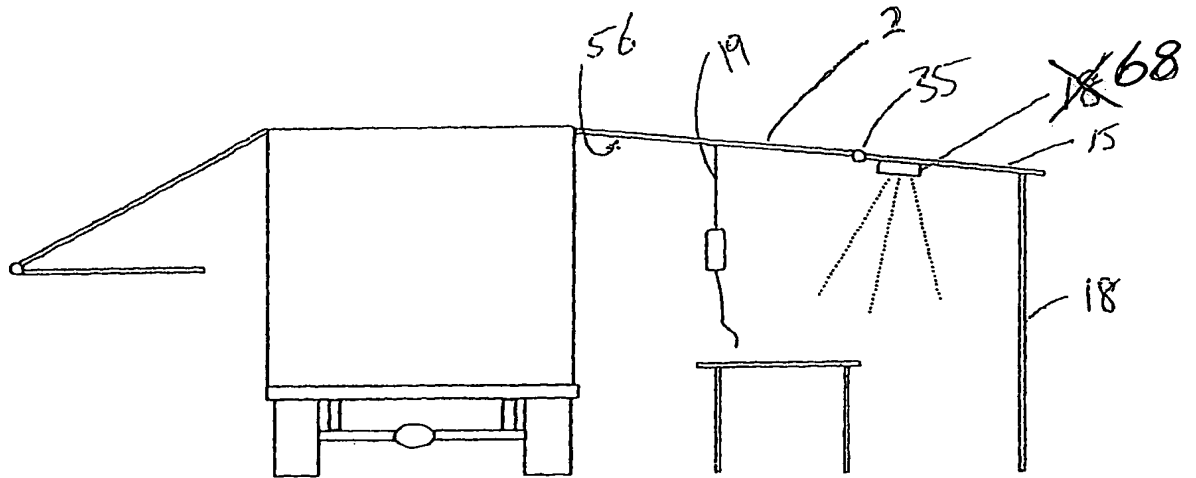


Fig 5

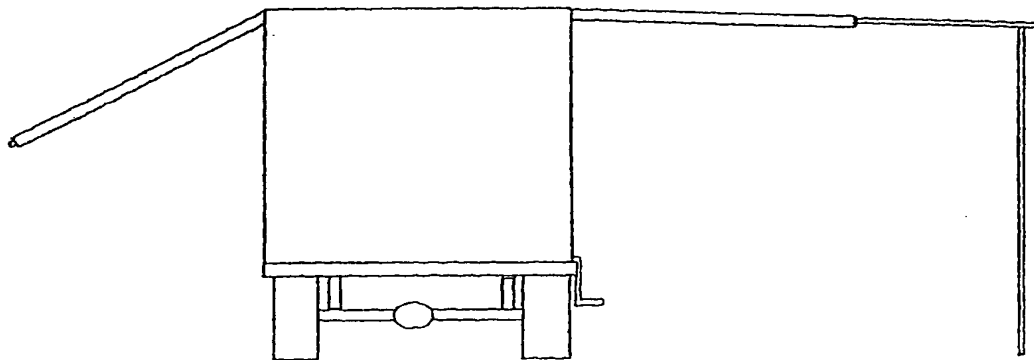


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